(d) the share of State Government in the above projects; and

(e) whether any time-frame has been fixed for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The airport at Mangalore, Hubli, Belgaum and Mysore belonging to Airports Authorityof India (AAI) have been identified for upgradation of infrastructure facilities in a phased manner.

(b) and (c) State Government has identified sites for construction of new airports at Gulberga, Bijapur and Bellary near Hampi. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plan at present to develop new airports at these places due to non-commitment from any schedueld airlines to operate their services and hence, no budget allocation has been made.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

New Airports

450. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cities and towns have been identified for locating airports and where they exist, there is a proposal to upgrade the facilities therein;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a new international airport is proposed to be constructed at Bangalore; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of cities and towns have been proposed by the concerned State Governments for construction of new airports at Pakyong, Gangtok (Sikkim), Chiethu, Kohima (Nagaland), Mopa, Panaji (Goa), Chakan, Pune & Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra), Ludhiana (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Devanahalli (Bangalore), Gulbarga, Bellary & Bijapur (Karnataka), Shamshabad, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Kannur (Kerala) and Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh). Twenty-five (25) existing airports—10 in the first phase and 15 in the next phase are also proposed to be developed and modernized keeping in view their commercial and traffic growth potential.

(c) and (d) Government has given in principle approval for development of Greenfield airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore on a Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis with Public Private Participation. Government of Karnataka (GoK) through Karnataka State Industrial Investment Development Corporation (KSIIDC) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) together hold 26% equity and the strategic joint venture partners hold the balance 74%. AAI's investment in the equity is capped at Rs. 50 crores. The approximate cost of the project is Rs. 1300 crores. A concession agreement has already been executed between Government of India and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL). Certain other agreements are also being finalized and are likely to be executed shortly. The target opening date of the airport is 33 months from the date of Financial Closure.

State of Airports

451. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the state of airports outside major cities is far from satisfactory;

(b) if so, whether there are any plans by Government to improve those airports and the facilities thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The improvement and upgradation of airports located outside major cities is a continuous process and taken up in phased manner on felt-need basis.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has proposed to modernize twenty five (25) Non-Metro airports in phases with focus on airside and cityside development. In the first phase, approximately 10 airports would be taken up and the remaining in the second phase. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has decided to upgrade these airports to world class standards through the process of modernisation. AAI is in the process of appointing Indian Financial Consultant (IFC) and Global Technical Advisor (GRA) who will assist AAI in conducting techno-economic feasibility study of identified airport to evolve an appropriate model based on viability of the project.